GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:237
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EFFECTS OF PESTICIDES
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to support the United Nations Development Programme`s projects to check degradation of environment and ensure safety of the farming community from the adverse effects of pesticides;

(b) if so, whether the Government are sponsoring a meeting of the Regional Network on Pesticides for Asia and Pacific;

(c) if so, the extent to which the meeting is likely to be useful in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.237 FOR 13.3.2001

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government of India along with Regional Network on Pesticides for Asia and Pacific (RENPAP) a UNDP Body is co-sponsoring a Regional Workshop on Production of User and Environment Friendly Pesticide Formulations and Quality Assurance from 12-16th March, 2001 at New Delhi.

(c):This Workshop aims to assist the member countries of the Network towards strengthening their capabilities in the production of water based formulations and quality assurance which would reduce the use of non-biodegradable ingredients traditionally used in the pesticides formulations and this would ultimately lead to a check in the degradation of the environment and ensuring safety of the farming community.